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Statement on U.S. EPA Moving Ahead on State CCR Authority

Washington, DC – ECOS commends U.S. EPA on its initiation of guidance regarding EPA review and approval of state applications to operate coal combustion residual (CCR) permit programs. State authority to develop and carry out CCR programs, provided by the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), actively had been sought by ECOS and its members. On April 28, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to the nation's Governors informing them of steps the agency is taking to implement its new authority for approving state programs. "In working together on the draft guidance, EPA and the states are acting in the spirit of cooperative federalism," notes ECOS Executive Director and General Counsel Alexandra Dunn. "ECOS looks forward to continued dialogue with EPA and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials in the guidance development process."

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